

§ 54.10 Administration.

(a) The Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program is a cooperative effort between APHIS; members of the sheep and goat industry including owners of flocks, slaughterers and renderers, and breed associations and registries; accredited veterinarians; and State governments. APHIS coordinates with State Scrapie Certification Boards and State animal health agencies to encourage flock owners to reduce the incidence of scrapie by voluntarily complying with the “Uniform Methods and Rules—Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification.”

§ 54.11 Participation.

Any owner of a flock may apply to enter the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program by sending a written request applying for enrollment to a State Scrapie Certification Board, or to the Administrator. A notice containing a current list of flocks participating in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and the certification status of each flock, will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER from time to time. This list may also be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Sheep, Goat, Equine, and Poultry Diseases, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, Maryland 20737–1231.

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§ 54.12 State Scrapie Certification Boards.

An Area Veterinarian in Charge, after consulting with a State representative and industry representatives, may appoint a State Scrapie Certification Board for the purpose of coordinating activities for the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, including making decisions to admit flocks to the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program and to change

flock status in accordance with the “Uniform Methods and Rules—Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification.” No more than one State Scrapie Certification Board may be formed in each State. Each State Scrapie Certification Board shall include as members the Area Veterinarian in Charge, one or more State representatives, one or more accredited veterinarians, and one or more owners of flocks, and at the discretion of the Area Veterinarian in Charge may include other members.

§ 54.13 Cooperative agreements with States.

APHIS may execute a cooperative agreement with the animal health agency of any State to cooperatively carry out administration of the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program within that State. These cooperative agreements will describe the respective roles of APHIS and State personnel in implementing the “Uniform Methods and Rules—Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program,” and may: specify the financial, material, and personnel resources to be committed to the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program by APHIS and the State; assign specific Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program activities to APHIS or State personnel; establish schedules for APHIS representatives or State representatives to visit participating flocks; establish procedures for maintaining and sharing Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program records specified in the “Uniform Methods and Rules—Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program,” and specify other responsibilities of State representatives and Veterinary Services representatives in support of the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

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